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1. Kubra, which is located in the vicinity of the Trencin castle (Pl9/T58), was formerly an important constituent of Omnia, but was made an independent unit in 1948.* It will probably carry either one of its former names, Kubra or Omnia, in the future.
2. The management of Kubra Agricultural Machinery National Enterprise has not yet been established. Formerly it was in Bratislava (Pl9/K99), and it is, therefore, now suffering from a shortage of personnel and suitable office space. To date the plant has been headed by Ing. Wichterle, formerly joint owner of Richterle & Kovarik, manufacturers of agricultural machinery in Prostějov (T50/N73).
3. The Trencin plant, employing 900 people, includes two modern buildings covering an area of 6,000 sq. meters each and having modern, dome-shaped concrete roofs. The old buildings, which also cover about 6,000 sq. meters, have been renovated.
4. The machinery was obtained from confiscated Bohemian factories and as reparations payments. It consists of about 50 lathes, 6 planers, 20 multiple lathes (revolver), 30 drill presses, 6 reaming machines (vyvrtavaci stroje), gear-manufacturing machines, woodworking machines, varnishing machines, etc. There are no special machines required which could not be procured in Czechoslovakia.
5. The production program involves agricultural machines, tinsmith's machines for processing tin sheets into various pieces of equipment, and garden sprinkling cans. The production program is not, however, firmly established, and it has been changed several times in the past. In 1946, electric motors were manufactured, for the production of which 150 workers were sent to Podmokly for instruction. The program was dropped, however, in so far as Kubra was concerned, and the production was allocated to the confiscated Flader factory in Vojprty (N51/K72). The production of tinsmith's machines, originally handled by the Mach & Fiser machine plant, then replaced Kubra's former production.

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6. Later on, the production program was altered to include agricultural machines; Kubra was to produce 10 to 15 percent of the total Agrostroj program of agricultural machines. But because of the slackening demand for small agricultural machines and the difficulties encountered in selling tinsmith's machines, the production of sprinkling cans and small fire extinguishers, which were formerly successful Flader specialties, was initiated. This project, however, conflicted with the program of the Sigma pump and gas mask firm in Lutín about 10 kilometers southwest of Olomouc (P50/N85). Recently a program involving corn-sorting and cleaning machines has been inaugurated. 25X1
7. Also under consideration has been a project to produce refrigerators in the Kubra-Trencin plant because this production was abandoned by a plant at Povazska Bystrica (Q50/O71) after it was converted to military production, and the production of refrigerators was to be moved elsewhere. However, it would be possible to make refrigerators in the Kubra plant only by ceasing all current production. This would not be feasible or acceptable because of the large capital investments already sunk in this plant. Kubra's military significance is at present nil.
8. The aircraft and aircraft engine repair plant on the Trenčianske Biskupice (P49/T58) military airfield, 3 miles south of Trencin, was in 1946 controlled by Kubra, before Kubra's inclusion in the Omnia National Enterprise. As a result of an agreement with the Ministry of National Defense in 1947, these shops were returned to the military authorities which underwrote the expenses incurred in repairing the buildings that were destroyed by air raids during the war. At present, therefore, these machine shops are under military management, and presumably concentrate on all types of repairs to military aircraft and aircraft engines.

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